## Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 63-70 are pending in the application, with claim 63 being the sole independent claim. Solely to expedite the prosecution of this application and to place the application fully in condition for allowance, claims 1, 4-12, 14, 20-41, 44-47, 50-54 and 57 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer as to the filing of these claims in a continuation application. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Claims 63-70 are allowed, and claims 1, 4-12, 14, 20-41, 44-47, 50-54 and 57 have been finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103. See Office Action. There are no other outstanding objections or rejections. *Id*.

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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